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Suffix Change Up

You can change the meaning or the usage of a word by adding a **suffix** at the end.

Suffix	Meaning
-ing, -ed	-ing: <i>happening now (singing)</i> -ed: <i>in the past (walked)</i>
-s, -es	plural word: <i>more than one (dogs, boxes)</i>
-er, -est	-er: <i>more (older, higher)</i> -est: <i>most (oldest, highest)</i>
-ful, -less	-ful: <i>a lot (careful, hopeful)</i> -less: <i>none (careless, hopeless)</i>

A. Write the correct suffix in the gap.

- Jake slowly walk___ (ed, ing) down the street, hope___ (ed, ful) of finding the keys he so care___ ly (ful, less) lost.
- Although Jill was the fast___ (est, er) runner in the class, she was far young___ (er, est) than the others.
- Kim's room is the untidi___ (est, er) I have ever seen but she is always very care___ (less, ful) with her appearance.
- Mom always recycl___ (ed, ing) the wrappings after she pack___ (ing, ed) away the groceri___ (s, es).
- The shop___ (s, es) in this street were the old___ (er, est) in town. They all need___ (ing, ed) care___ (less, ful) cleaning and painting.

B. Make four words from each **root word** below using the **suffixes** in the box.

-s -es -ing -ed -er -est -ful -less

1. fish	
2. hope	
3. care	
4. paint	
5. light	